

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously presented): An injection molded article comprising:

a resin composition comprising:

(A) a lactic acid based resin; and

(B) a natural fiber that contains 40 mass% to 60 mass% of cellulose, 10 mass% to 30 mass% of lignin,

wherein the resin composition contains the lactic acid based resin (A) and the natural fiber (B) in a mass ratio of 99:1 to 70:30, and the lactic acid based resin (A) has a resin composition ratio of L-lactic acid:D-lactic acid=100:0 to 97:3, or L-lactic acid:D-lactic acid=0:100 to 3:97, and further wherein the injection molded article has a deflection temperature under load of 133°C or more.

Claim 2 (Original): The injection molded article according to claim 1, wherein the resin composition has a crystallization heat peak temperature (T_c) of 100°C or more.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The injection molded article according to claim 1, wherein the injection molded article is formed after kneading a coated substance obtained by impregnating the natural fiber (B) in the lactic acid based resin (A), with the lactic acid based resin.

Claim 5 (Original): The injection molded article according to claim 4, wherein the injection molded article is formed after kneading a coated substance obtained by impregnating the natural fiber (B) in the lactic acid based resin (A) by drawing, with the lactic acid based resin.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Original): A method for producing injection molded article, comprising the steps of:

forming pellets of a coated substance after impregnating a natural fiber (B) in a lactic acid based resin (A) by drawing;

adding a further portion of the lactic acid based resin (A) to the pellets of the coated substance and kneading the resultant mixture to form pellets; and

forming an injection molded article from the pellets obtained after the kneading.